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1. WE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GPRM ON SEPT. 23, 1975 AND OPENED OUR EMBASSY IN LOURENCO MARQUES ON NOV. 8. PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF AN AMBASSADOR, FSO ALFONSO ARENALES IS ACTING AS CHARGE OF EMBASSY. CHARGE WAS FORMALLY RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO ON DEC. 9 WHO IN THE COURSE OF A CORDIAL CONVERSATION INFORMED CHARGE THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR OUR NEW AMBASSADOR. ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DESIGNATION IS EXPECTED VERY SHORTLY, WITH SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS AFTER RECESS ENDS JAN. 19.

2. PRESENT USG POLICY IS TO BUILD A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GPRM WHICH OPPOSES THE USG POSITION ON MANY ISSUES AND IS DETAINING THREE U. S. MISSIONARIES WITHOUT CHARGES. ROBINSON

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